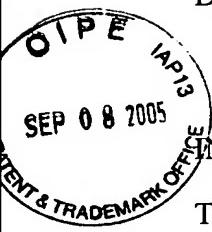


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 6 of this response.

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